TRANSM AL LETTER Docket No. (General - Patent Pending) 00-106 In Re-Application MUELLER et al. **Group Art Unit** Examiner Serial No. Filing Date 09/993,228 November 14, 2001 Not Yet Assigned Not Yet Assigned Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DYNAMIC RULE AND/OR OFFER GENERATION TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is: Copy of Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, 2 pp.; Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a); 1 pg., (x2); RECEIVED Assertion of Small Entity Status, 1 pg.; and Executed Combined Declaration and Power or Attorney, 7 pp.; and MAY 0 1 2002 Return Receipt Postard. OFFICE OF PETITIONS in the above identified application. No additional fee is required. A check in the amount of is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 50-0271 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Charge the amount of \$120.00  $\boxtimes$ Credit any overpayment.

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## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

The specification does not include at least one claim.

A complete specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.

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- The oath or declaration is missing.
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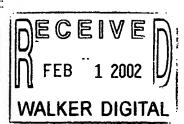
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